

HELLO AGAIN

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A PERSONAL NOTE: We lost some members of our hobby. I forgot to mention that **Lance Hunt** died on Sep 27; We also recently lost **Ken Weigel**, a frequent contributor to the Old-time Radio Digest...I had a nice visit with **Chuck Schaden** when I visited Chicago recently. We talked on his program Saturday afternoon, April 28th. It was his 31st anniversary program. Hello Again and Chuck's radio shows started within a month of each other in 1970.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The **Fourth Supplement** to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplements #1, 2, 3 and 4 are \$18 plus \$3.00 P&H. #2, 3 and 4 are \$13.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. #3 and 4 are \$9.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 4 supplements is \$60 plus \$4 P&H.

The **Fourth Supplement of the Necrology** is also available for \$1.00. The complete Necrology is \$15.00 which includes all four supplements.

I need all the new information I can get for the 2001 "2nd, Revised Ultimate History." Please start sending me new circulating shows and network information. **I will need all information by Sep 1st** so I can work on the index. This new revision will be sold at a special discount to those who have bought the 1996 book and all 4 supplements and will contain all information found in them plus all new information. The book will be ready in October.

CONVENTION 2001: The dates are October 25 – 28 at the Holiday Inn – North, Newark, NJ. Guests are being invited. Flyers will go out at the end of July.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Ninth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as Jack Benny, Life of Riley, etc. **The only difference this time is that they must be a comedy and must be 30 minutes in length.** The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped. It must be double spaced and have large enough type.

The prize for the best script will be \$200 and will have its live performance at our 2002 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. There will be some rehearsal time. There will also be a second prize winner, who will be awarded \$100, but not performed. Scripts must be submitted by **August 1, 2001**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 940-7639. Return receipt is not necessary. A distinguished panel of three judges including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. One of the judges will forward detailed suggestions to non-winners for future improvements. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter, Arlene Osborne and Michael Leannah. This year's winner was **K E Bibeau**.

CONVENTION 2000: FOTR microphone key chains which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$10 including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 25th Annual FOTR Convention are available from AVPRO (Don Aston). Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$65. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 5 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022
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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **RLL on the Air**, Dec; article reprints by Lowell Thomas and Eve Arden...Mar; articles about Marie Wilson (Reprint) **Jot 'em Down Journal**, April; 70 years of Lum and Abner...June; more on 70 years, article about Fred Lasswell; Gene and Glenn... **Radio Recall**, Apr; articles about Edgar Bergen and Fibber McGee and Molly; rings for premiums; Lonesome Gal; Cecil and Sally...**Return With Us Now**, Apr; article about Duffy's Tavern...May; article about production of a Dragnet episode by Herb Ellis...**Illustrated Press**, Mar; article about Gene Autry and Sammy Kaye...Apr; articles about Monitor...**NARA News**, Spring; articles about Al Jolson; Dick Powell; by Ray Erlenborn about sound effects; Kremers Drugstore in Fibber McGee & Molly; soap operas; ; Bill Monroe; OTR in the digital world; William Shirer...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Apr; article about Peggy Rae; 3 detective series; more on Duffy's Tavern...May; articles about Hazel Shermet; Groucho Marx...**Air Check**, Spring; articles about Capt. Midnight; Boston's OTR...**National Audio Theater News**, Winter/Spring; articles about 2001 Audio Theater Workshop; Jim Dale on voice acting; radio drama in Ireland; sound effects tricks...**Tradition**, Mar – Apr; articles about Jim & Jesse and the Virginia Boys; Ragtime... **On the Air**, Spring; much Maryland radio news...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, May – June; article about web battle with copyrights...**Kate Smith Newsletter**, Spring; more about Kate Smith and her fans...**RCA Newsletter**, Apr; interview with Sam Edwards...**Nostalgia Digest**, Jun – Jul; articles about Howard Duff; movie operettas; Buddy Hughes; Don McNeill; Ogden Nash.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Anthony Tollin** has written several more booklets to go with the Smithsonian and Radio Spirits collections including; Classic Favorites; Famous Westerns; Legends of Comedy; Master Detectives; Lone Ranger on Radio; Science Fiction; Orson Welles; 60 All-time Favorites...**Don McNeill and His Breakfast Club** by John Doolittle, 2001, Univ. of Notre Dame Press (1-219-631-6346). Cost for this 244-page book is \$22.95 for a cloth copy. It includes a CD with clips from actual shows. The book highlights the cheerfulness, wit and humor that won McNeill the title "King of Corn"...**Just the Facts, Ma'am** by Daniel Moyer and Eugene Alvarez; \$17.95; paperback; 288 pages; 2001; published by Seven Locks Press (1-800-354-5348) (714-545-2526); This book describes his childhood, radio and television career.

CONVENTIONS:

Kate Smith Festival XIV, June 1 – 3, 2001, Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY. For information contact Sarah De Natale, 157 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216.

17th Annual Lum and Abner Convention June 15 -16, 2001 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree Inn. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110

National Audio Theater Festival, June 18 - 24, 2001, William Woods Univ., Fulton, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedia1@aol.com>. They also have a script contest.

REPS Radio Showcase IX, June 29 and 30 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <hrrmikes@aol.com>

26th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 27 – Sep 1, 2001 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

26th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 25 – 28 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark,

NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887
<JayHick@aol.com>

16th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 19 – 20, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333.

The 2001 Memphis Film Festival will be held August 1-4 at the Holiday Inn Select (Memphis Airport). It's a nostalgic affair where classic movies and TV shows are celebrated. However, we added a radio element last year and will do so again this time. Sam Edwards, who was a regular on "Meet Corliss Archer," "One Man's Family," and who guested on "Gunsmoke" nearly 70 time will be one of our guests. He'll help us re-create a "Gunsmoke" episode written by former sound effects man Ray Kemper. Donald Ramlow will direct and Gary Yoggy will do sound. Other celebrities in attendance include Oscar-winner Kim Hunter, Linda Harrison, William Windom, Wright King, Jon Locke, Veronica Carlson, Kathryn Adams, Ann Gillis, Peggy Stewart, Mason Alan Dinehart III and Jerry Maren. For more information email Ray Nielsen at <rnielsen@alltel.net>. Our web site address is <<http://www.memphisfilmfestival.com>>

The 14th Annual visit to the Golden Age of Radio by the **Elmira Little Theater** was another great success. Directed by Gary Yoggy with music by Ed Clute and Sound Effects by Bart Curtis, the five re-creations starred local actors with appearances by Arthur Anderson and Mary Diveny

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. **A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE.** If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>

Terry Salomonson has 2 web sites. One is **Audio Classics Archives** <audio-classic.com> and the other is **Digital OTR**. Digital OTR will mainly focus on digital restoration releases and possibly cassette releases from digitally mastered OTR material.

Digital OTR web address is <digitalotr.com> and only the opening page is online now with more pages to be added over the next couple of weeks as the site expands. Digital OTR will be more commercial and Audio Classics Archive will contain everything in the collection presently and future acquisitions.

The OTR Club now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> and is a work in progress.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063... **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com>...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books, formerly (Rainy Day Books)**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.begbooks.com>...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 586-1931... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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All listings below list sampling of shows. **Great American Radio**; Amos 'n' Andy; Eternal Light; Fibber McGee and Molly; Bill Stern...**Nothing's New**; more CD's. movies, radio and television programs mentioned in latest NEWSletter...**Radio Memories**; Latest contains Shadow of Fu Manchu including newly discovered shows; Broadway is my Beat; Meet the Press...**Satellite Video** has 2 new (LaRosa) Hollywood Theater of Stars; 10/31/49 (Endless Journey) and 11/1/49 (Devil Take It)...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 No. Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com> has several new shows: Phil Harris (9/18/49); Kay Kysers Kollege (2/21/45); March of Time (8 from April and May of 1936)...**Great American Radio**; Fibber McGee and Molly; Hedda Hopper; Family Theater...**Arlene Osborne**, 61 Hempstead Rd., Sandown, NH 03873 <osborneam@aol.com> has the first 3 episodes of Hoofbeats (Buck Jones)...More scripts available from **John Barber** Including a Phil Harris – Alice Faye.

NEW ADDRESSES: **George Ansbro**, 80 Loeffler Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002 (860) 726-2131

OLD FRIENDS: After 27 years, **Bobb Lynes** and **Barbara "Sunday" Watkins'** OTR Show "Don't Touch That Dial" on KCSN in Northridge, CA was canceled on Easter. According to information on the internet, Larry and John Gassman are going to take over the spot. The latest news is that Bobb and Barbara are now at WPFK-FM 90.7 in the Los Angeles Area midnight Pacific time on the first Monday of the month. They are also on the internet at <www.kpfk.org>...**James Belpedio**, 34 Carlisle St., Worcester, MA 01602 is looking for radio ads for cigarettes that indicate the healthful benefits of smoking. James is conducting a research project on cigarette smoking in the 20th century. Also contact him at <jbelpedio@Beckercollege.edu>

IN FOND MEMORY: **Daisy Aldan**, Feb 6 (age unknown), Poet, author, actress (Let's Pretend)...**John Dunkel**, Feb 22, 86; TV and radio writer...**Harry Secombe**, Apr 11, 79; English actor (Goon Show)...**Perry Como**, May 12, 88; another legend...**Allan Sloane**, Apr 29, 86; writer for radio and TV (Top Secret; Bulldog Drummond)...**Terry Ryan**, May 5, 78; radio and TV writer (Fred Allen)...**Douglas Adams**, May 11, 49; author of Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy which began as a BBC radio series...**Norma Macmillan**, May 18, 79; TV, movies and radio...**Gwen Bagni Dubov**, May 14, 88; writer (Suspense, Escape)

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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SEATTLE OTR CONVENTION

REPS Radio Showcase IX

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RADIO MIRROR...

...With Showcase first-time attendees True Boardman, Elliott Reid and Dick Van Patten joining Alan Young, Arthur Anderson from New York and our beloved "Company" of returning friends.

What an array of talent and kindness! We will never be able to properly express our thanks to so many in this group.

The Theme for Showcase IX

Showcase IX will use the classic magazine *Radio Mirror* from radio days as the theme and background. Re-created shows will be drawn from its pages. OTR stars will read brief highlights from the magazine from time to time. Copies will be given as door prizes.

Exclusive! Odyssey!

REPS have been given exclusive permission to re-create the extremely popular, current family radio show, *Adventures in Odyssey*. It will star Alan Young and Janet Waldo, re-creating their roles from *Odyssey*, and Paul Herlinger, the running main character, 'Whit'.

Location

It's all familiar this year, with the Northwest Rooms at the Seattle Center and the warm hospitality of the Comfort Suites Hotel.

Corporate Sponsor

Thanks to PEMCO Financial Services, Their Emeritus Club is our corporate sponsor this year.



A Showcase IX logo by Honorary Member Doug Young

FROM THE PAGES OF RADIO MIRROR Probable List

The "Company" of Returning Friends

Douglas Young... Cisco Kid, The Whistler
Alan Young... The Alan Young Show, Mr. Ed
Rhoda Williams... Father Knows Best, Lux
Anne Whitfield Phillips... Phil Harris, One Man's Family
Janet Waldo... Ozzie & Harriet, The Jetsons
Ginny Tyler... voices - radio, TV, movies
Gil Stratton, Jr... Life with Luigi, My Little Margie
Norma Jean Nilsson... Jack Carson, Father Knows Best
Tyler McVay... Fibber McGee, Glamour Manor
Jo Anna March... The Second Mrs. Burton
Paul Herlinger... Adventures in Odyssey
Art Gilmore... Red Skelton, Dr. Christian
Esther Geddes... The Magic Garden, music
Jim French... Imagination Theatre, Harry Nile
Ray Erlenborn... Blondie, Silver Theater
Herb Ellis... Dragnet, Adventures of Nero Wolfe
Sam Edwards... Corliss Archer, Six Shooter
Tommy Cook... Red Ryder, Lights Out
Frank Buxton... author, actor, director
Dick Beals... The Lone Ranger, Green Hornet
Harry Bartell... Sherlock Holmes, Gunsmoke
Arthur Anderson... Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater

NEW FOR SHOWCASE IX

True Boardman... OTR writer, director, and actor
Elliott Reid... Mercury Theater, Sam Spade
Dick Van Patten... Let's Pretend, Young Wild Brown

with

Terry McManus... as Jimmy Stewart

Will your favorites be "reflected"?

Programming selections are well under way, and are likely to include the following, almost all with several performers who worked on the show "back then":

Recreations

- Your's Truly, Johnny Dollar
- Young Widder Brown
- Silver Theater (a comedy selection)
- A western: Frontier Gentleman
- Adventures in Odyssey
- Vic & Sade—tribute to Merrill Mael
- Let's Pretend
- Two surprise performances

Just Added!

- Escape... "Three Skeleton Key" a classic, with two of the original stars

Breakout Sessions Plus

- Game Show Parody—Ray Erlenborn
- Interviews with first time guests
- "Just Sittin' Around & Visiting" with all OTR performers in one group
- Imagination Theater—Jim French
- Father Knows Best—script read along
- "My Name's Friday" Dragnet book debut by author Michael Hayde
- Alan Young video—16 year old host

Big Band Remote

- Announcer; the band and you—right there

And More...

- Great vendor room
- Silent Auction—great OTR items

Stay current on Showcase news... repsonline.org

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Registration form on back.

REPS Radio Showcase IX

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Name (s) _____

(please print names of each registrant)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

FEES IF REGISTRATION IS POSTMARKED:

| | BY JUNE 1 - discounted | | AFTER JUNE 1 - no discount | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | Member | **Non-member | Member | **Non-member |
| Friday only.....(3 PM-9 PM) | \$18 | \$24 | \$20 | \$26 |
| Saturday-Day only.....(9 AM-5 PM) | \$35 | \$40 | \$39 | \$44 |
| Saturday-PM only*.....(5 PM-9 PM) | \$35 | \$40 | \$39 | \$44 |
| Saturday-Day and PM*.....(9 AM-9 PM) | \$69 | \$79 | \$76 | \$87 |
| Entire program Fri. and Sat.* | \$77 | \$89 | \$85 | \$98 |
| Box Lunch (Sat.) | \$10 | \$10 | \$11 | \$11 |
| Total | \$_____ | \$_____ | \$_____ | \$_____ |

*Includes Dinner With the Stars Banquet—stars at each table

PLEASE NOTE! NO DINNER RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 22. THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING ON THIS.

**Companions of members pay member registration rate.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Comfort Suites, 601 Roy St., Seattle, WA 98109 • 800-228-5150 • Refer to "REPS Radio" group

The hotel is located just 4/10 of a mile from our meeting rooms with free shuttle service. Rooms have microwaves and a small fridge. Underground, free parking. \$104 plus tax for a single or double. The hotel will hold rooms at this rate until 6/5.

MAIL FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO SHOWCASE IX:

c/o Frank Denton, 14654 8th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98166

An acknowledgement letter with our probable schedule and directions will be sent to all registrants.



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Come and see!